

Decision No. 15675

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for authority
to close the agency at Walnut Station,
County of Los Angeles, State of California.) Application
No. 11742

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

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Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the closing of its agency station of Walnut on its Los Angeles Division in Los Angeles County.

Applicant alleges that in its opinion the continued maintenance of an agency station at Walnut is not required and that its future maintenance as a non-agency will provide adequate facilities for the public and its patrons.

Exhibits filed with and as a part of the application herein show the following data as regards business transacted during the year ending June 30, 1925:

Tickets sold		\$372.00
Less than carload freight		
Received	\$171.00	
Forwarded	25.00	196.00
		<u>\$568.00</u>
Carload Freight		
Received	908.00	
Forwarded	<u>155.00</u>	<u>1063.00</u>
Total Revenue		\$1631.00
Station Expense		
Salaries	2349.00	
Expenses	<u>180.00</u>	
		\$2529.00

It appears from the foregoing abstract from exhibits that the station expense has amounted to 445.25 percent of the revenue derived from the passenger tickets sold and the less-than-carload freight (received and forwarded), such being the items for which the services of an agent are most necessary for the public; and to 155.06 percent of the total revenue for all business handled.

The continued maintenance of the agency station of Walnut is placing an unwarranted burden on patrons of the company by furnishing facilities which so greatly exceed in their cost of maintenance the revenue derived.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that, for the reasons heretofore shown, the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, be and the same hereby is authorized to discontinue the maintenance of an agency station at Walnut on its Los Angeles Division in Los Angeles County and to hereafter maintain and operate said station as a non-agency until the further order or direction of this Commission.

November
~~October~~, 1925. Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of

H. T. Brundage
O. C. Seaver
George D. Sprague
Leon C. Whitely
COMMISSIONERS.